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*Poliomyelitis (infantile paralysis)*—Number of cases of poliomyelitis occurring in various States, as reported to the Public Health Service by the State health officers in weekly telegraphic or mail reports.

State.	Week ended (1921)—													
	July—			August—				September—				October—		
	16	23	30	6	13	20	27	3	10	17	24	1	8	
Alabama .....											1			
Arkansas .....					7	7		2	3		3		4	
California .....	3	6	10	4	9	4	6	9	9	9	12	21	5	
Colorado <sup>1</sup> .....				1		2	1	1						
Connecticut .....	2	4	5	1	4	5	6	8	1	5	6	4	(2)	
District of Columbia .....	4	3	7	3		2	2		4		1	2	(2)	
Florida .....				1										
Georgia .....							1			2		1	1	
Idaho .....	(2)						(2)	(2)	10		7	4	1	
Illinois .....	15	24	39	38	27	28	25	16	36	39	43	54	39	
Indiana .....		6	8	5	2	3	2	7	7	6	7	5	2	
Iowa .....	3	1	1	7	6	16	14	8	9	10	13	9	10	
Kansas .....			1		1	3	3	6	3	10	6	5	5	
Kentucky .....	2	1				1	1		1	1	1	1	(2)	
Louisiana .....			2											
Maine .....	1		1			1	3	1	4	2	2	2		
Maryland .....	4	8	7	6	10	16	10	10	5	13	15	16	21	
Massachusetts .....	6	4	10	10	12	18	16	14	10	10	18	11	8	
Minnesota .....	3	5	101	81	48	62	50	48	34	30	39	23	20	
Mississippi .....							1		1		1			
Missouri .....	8	3	4	5	3	2	2	5	2		5	10	8	
Montana .....					2			1		3	5	4	1	
Nebraska .....	1	2	2	7	4	5	2	1	1	2		4	2	
New Jersey .....	3	1	6	7	6	8	4	12	4	13	19	13	15	
New York <sup>3</sup> .....	4	10	15	24	27	41	34	40	53	31	57	43	41	
North Carolina .....	1			1	2	2		2	1		1			
South Dakota .....	3			2		1	1		2		1	2	8	
Vermont .....	1		3	3	2	4		2	2	1	1	1	2	
Virginia .....	2	1	2	(2)	(2)	1	(2)		(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	
Washington .....						13	39	22	11	34	31	17	17	
West Virginia .....				2	3		3	1			2	2		
Wisconsin .....	9	14	12	21	16	15	14	17	15	12	24	11	10	

<sup>1</sup> Exclusive of Denver.

<sup>2</sup> No report received.

<sup>3</sup> Exclusive of New York City.

## VACCINATION HISTORIES OF SMALLPOX PATIENTS.

### DATA FOR THE YEAR 1920 AND FIRST SIX MONTHS OF 1921.

The tables following give the vaccination histories of smallpox patients as furnished the Public Health Service by the State health officers. This information was supplied by eight States for the year 1920 and by seven States for the first six months of 1921.

For the year 1920, the total number of cases in which the histories were given was 16,311, of which 71.3 per cent had never been successfully vaccinated; 4.2 per cent had been vaccinated more than seven years preceding the attack; 2.5 per cent had been vaccinated within seven years of the attack; and in 22 per cent of the cases the vaccination status was not obtained or was uncertain.

For the first six months of 1921, of 18,374 cases reported with history, 60.3 per cent had never been successfully vaccinated; 4.7 per cent had been vaccinated more than seven years preceding the attack; 1.6 per cent had been vaccinated within seven years of the attack; and of 33.4 per cent of the cases the history was not obtained or was uncertain.

*Vaccination history of smallpox cases.*

YEAR 1920.

State.	New cases reported.	Deaths.	Vaccination history of cases.			
			Number vaccinated within 7 years preceding attack.	Number last vaccinated more than 7 years preceding attack.	Number never successfully vaccinated.	Vaccination history not obtained or uncertain.
California.....	4,474	1	198	315	3,808	153
Florida.....	424	.....	1	1	265	157
Kansas.....	3,770	.....	82	85	1,304	2,299
Massachusetts.....	29	.....	.....	4	25	.....
Minnesota.....	5,895	.....	98	202	4,788	807
Montana.....	1,086	.....	23	33	1,002	28
New Mexico.....	329	.....	10	15	231	73
New York.....	304	.....	4	22	207	71
Total.....	16,311	1	416	677	11,630	3,588

## FIRST SIX MONTHS OF 1921.

California.....	4,010	.....	30	252	3,689	39
Florida.....	1,193	.....	26	19	400	748
Kansas.....	3,973	.....	66	130	1,674	2,103
Massachusetts.....	31	.....	2	9	15	5
Minnesota.....	8,228	.....	162	430	4,456	3,190
Montana.....	838	.....	4	23	802	9
New Mexico.....	91	.....	9	.....	40	42
Total.....	18,374	.....	299	863	11,076	6,136

**COURT DECISIONS.****APPOINTMENT OF LOCAL HEALTH OFFICER.**

A late decision <sup>1</sup> of the New Jersey Supreme Court deals with the matter of appointment of local health officers. The board of health of Paterson, pursuant to statutory authority, appointed one Hagen as health officer for a term of three years ending January 1, 1921. On December 14, 1920, Hagen resigned. His resignation was accepted and on the same day the board, by resolution, appointed Clay, the relator in the case, as health officer for a term of three years. Clay accepted and commenced the performance of his duties. On January 1, 1921, the board passed another resolution rescinding the resolution which appointed Clay and appointing Browne, the respondent in the case, as health officer for a term of five years. Browne took possession of the office and Clay brought proceedings to oust him.

By force of a prior decision of the New Jersey Court of Errors and Appeals, if Clay's appointment was valid, his term of office was fixed by law, and he could not be removed except for cause. Also, in making its decision, the supreme court had to take into consideration the following provision of law:

<sup>1</sup>Clay v. Browne, 114 Atl., 808.